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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 5-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 4 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2, 5, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Magario U.S. Patent No. 5,301,120. Magario discloses a method for setting a determination condition used for determining whether a molded product is non-defective or defective, the method comprising the steps of: performing a molding operation a predetermined number of times; detecting, in each molding operation, an actual value of at least one monitor item which can serve as the basis for determining whether a molded product is non-defective or defective (e.g., col. 2 line 45 – col. 3 line 37); displaying the detected actual values on a screen of a display in such a manner that a distribution of the actual values can be visually grasped (e.g., Fig. 3, col. 6 lines 3-6); designating a sampling zone for the displayed actual values in such a manner that a portion of the displayed actual values are contained in the sampling zone (e.g., col. 2 lines 62-65, col. 4 lines 43-54, col. 4 line 67 – col. 5 line 35); and automatically setting the determination condition on the basis of actual values contained in the sampling zone (e.g., col. 1 lines 13-27, col. 6 lines 6-11, claim 2);

wherein the actual values are plotted in time series on the screen by use of dots or bars (e.g., Fig. 3, *in Magario the "dots" are connected by straight lines*);

wherein the determination condition is a reference value obtained by averaging actual values within the sampling zone (e.g., col. 1 lines 13-27, col. 6 lines 6-11);

wherein the monitor item includes one or more selected from injection charge time, screw-designated-position passage time, measuring revolution number, cycle time, heating barrel temperature, and injection nozzle temperature (e.g., col. 5 lines 6-12).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claims 6-9 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

The specification does not adequately describe what the "adjustment coefficient" is, how it is derived, or why it is used. Therefore, one skilled in the art would not know how to use the invention with respect to this feature.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 3 and 4 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest designating a sampling zone by touching a touch panel at two **arbitrary** locations which define upper and lower boundaries of the sampling zone, in combination with the remaining features and elements of the claimed invention.

Thus, in the applicant's claimed invention, the display screen contains the time series plot(s) of the actual values of the monitor item(s), and the display is touched at the desired locations on the actual plot in order to set the upper and lower boundaries of the sampling zone. In Magario, pre-defined computer keys are pressed in order to set the sampling zone. Magario does not teach touching the time series plot on the display screen in order to set the sampling zone.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ryan A. Jarrett whose telephone number is (703) 308-4739. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:00-6:30 M-F.

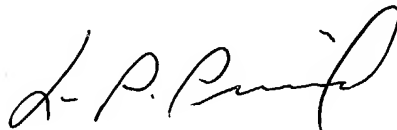
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo Picard can be reached on (703) 308-0538. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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